(c) if so, the facts and details thereof; and

(d) the corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that fraudsters managed to open accounts in the name of bogus firms in South Indian Bank, UCO Bank, Dena Bank, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur, Syndicate Bank and Standard Chartered Bank. The bogus firms posing as importers of computer parts, chemicals etc., produced fake import bills and fake customs bills of entry showing customs duty paid etc. and effected remittances abroad on the strength of these fake documents. These remittances were facilitated on account of alleged collusion of bank employees in some cases and alleged ignorance of bank's staff and inability to detect the fake documents in other cases. RBI has indicated that similar remittances against fake bills are suspected to have been made from State Bank of Indore, Vysya Bank Ltd. and some cooperative banks and investigations have been initiated into these cases. The entire matter has been reported to Enforcement Directorate who are looking into these cases. RBI has advised all banks about the modus operandi employed by the fraudsters in order to guard against recurrence of such frauds. The various aspects relating to import bills were examined by RBI and a circular prescribing specific operating procedure to prevent recurrence of such fraudulent transactions has been issued to banks. The banks have also been advised to take appropriate action against officials found involved/suspected in these frauds.

Non-performing assets of Nationalised Banks

292. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total non-performing assets of all the nationalised banks in the country;

(b) whether the banks have provided fully before arriving at the profits as on 31.3.96, if not, which are the banks that have not made full provisions for NPA, and

(c) the profits/loss of the nationalised banks, bank-wise and their paid up capital and reserves?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that as on 31.3.1995 the total non-performing assets of nationalised banks stood at Rs. 25114.50 crores.

(b) Banks are required to make provisions for loan losses, depreciation in investments, other contingencies etc. in accordance with Reserve Bank of India guidelines and to the satisfaction of their statutory auditors, before arriving at their net profit or loss. it is deemed that the banks have made the necessary provisions in cases in which any specific qualifications to the contrary have not been made by auditors.

(c) The available data as on 31.3.1996 in respect of profit/loss paid up capital and reserves of nationalised banks, as reported by Reserve Bank of India, is given in the statement.

Statement

(Source: Balance-Sheet) **(Rs. in Crores)**

Nationalised Banks		As on 31.3.1996		
		Capital	Reserves	Net Profit
1.	Allahabad Bank*	-	-	-
2.	Andhra Bank	426.32	55.20	11.07
3.	Bank of Baroda	577.08	1153.52	204.26

Nationalised Banks		AS on 31.3.1996		
		Capital	Reserves	Net Profit
4.	Bank of India	582.47	678.05	276.48
5.	Bank of Maharashtra	748.69	59.54	12.59
6.	Canara Bank	484.82	1445.87	252.52
7.	Central Bank	1305.45	400.30	(-73.53)
8.	Corporation Bank	112.00	214.05	104.75
9.	Dena Bank	146.82	129.76	51.69
10.	Indian Bank*	-	-	-
11.	Indian Overseas Bank*	-	-	-
12.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	192.54	631.55	172.75
13.	Punjab National Bank*	-	-	-
14.	Punjab & Sindh Bank*	-	-	-
15.	Syndicate Bank	1289.59	172.92	20.17
16.	Union Bank of India	338.00	898.78	80.49
17.	United Bank	1372.87	109.86	234.46
18.	UCO Bank*	-	-	-
19.	Vijaya Bank	254.31	129.82	(-250.95)

*Balance sheet on yet received Extension Granted upto 31.7.1996

अग्रिमों और आहरणों से संबंधित असमायोजित धनराशि

293. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) महालेखाकार (म०प्र०) के कार्यालयों में 1 अप्रैल, 1994 की स्थिति के अनुसार विभिन्न प्रकार के आहरणों सहित अग्रिमों की कुल कितनी धनराशि असमायोजित थी;

(ख) उसमें से कितनी धनराशि नवम्बर, 1995 तक समायोजित कर ली गई;

(ग) अब तक असमायोजित धनराशि का विभाग-वार ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इस असमायोजित धनराशि को समय पर समायोजित करने में पेश आ रही कठिनाइयों और उन्हें दूर करने के लिए किए जा रहे उपायों का ब्यौरा क्या है?

वित्त मंत्री तथा कम्पनी कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम): (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Vacancies for the post of Judges of the Supreme Court and High Courts

294. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the post of Chief Justice(s) and Judges are lying vacant in some High Courts and also of Judges in Supreme Court;

(b) if so, the position as on date in Supreme Court and also in the State high Courts; and

(c) what steps have been taken to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPTT. OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, LEGISLATIVE DEPTT. AND DEPTT. OF JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP): (a) to (c) As on 1.7.1996, the office of the Chief Justice of the High Court was vacant in the High Courts of Kerala, Orissa and Punjab & Haryana. A Statement showing the vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and various High Courts as on 1.7.1996 is enclosed. (*See* below).

The process of consultation among the concerned Constitutional authorities for filling up the existing vacancies of Chief Justices and Judges in the Supreme Court and the High Courts is on.